

REMARKS

Presently, claims 1 to 14 are pending in the application. Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over either the Kaye US Patent No. 4,590,037 or DE 2206910. Claims 2 to 9 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter and claims 10 to 14 stand allowed. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and request reconsideration and reexamination of the application.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 as being anticipated by either Kaye or DE 2206910. The Examiner has also indicated that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims. Applicants have so amended the claims by incorporating the subject matter of claim 2 into claim 1.

Applicants submit that the application is presently in condition for allowance and request favorable reconsideration and early notice of allowance. If it would speed prosecution, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number denoted below.

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